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FOREIGN STUDENTS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains any record of number of foreign students studying in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to develop a Foreign Students Information System (FSIS) in order to monitor the activities of such students studying in various educational institutions especially in view of large influx of foreign students in near future?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) : As per the available information, a total of 93,693 students from different countries were registered in Indian Universities/Institutions during 2013. The country-wise list of students is attached as Annexure-I.

(d) : The Ministry of Home Affairs has developed a Foreign Student Information System (FSIS) module under the IVFRT (Immigration, Visa, Foreigner Registration & Tracking) system. While giving extension and other visa related services to Foreign Students, the Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs)/ Foreigners Registration Officers (FROs) would check whether such a foreign student is really pursuing the registered course of study and is following the guidelines of the visa. The educational institutions that provide admission to foreign students have initiated submitting 'on-line' details of such students on the FSIS.